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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention is directed generally to a process for making α -substituted hydroxamic acids (including salts thereof) generally corresponding in structure to Formula (I):

HO
$$R$$
 $S(O)_n$ Z^3 R E Y (I) ,

wherein n, Z, Z³, A, R, E, and Y are as defined in this patent. This invention also is directed to compounds that may, for example, be used as intermediates in such a process, as well as processes for making such compounds.